

## R7 Senior Staff | Division/Office Priority Tracker

\*Items highlighted in grey signify additions/updates to this document

PRIORITY PROJECTS	Status	Progress to Date	Upcoming Milestones	Related Regional Risk
LCRD Strategic Planning, Developing Strong Leadership Connections & Human Capital Investment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On Track <input type="checkbox"/> At Risk <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All-Hands Breakfast</li> <li>• Bi-weekly Individual Manager Meetings</li> <li>• Weekly Manager Meetings</li> <li>• Programmatic Briefings with Managers and Staff</li> <li>• Implemented E-Concurrence Process</li> <li>• Established Events Calendar</li> <li>• Leadership Retreat</li> <li>• Biweekly emails from the Director</li> <li>• Held first Bi-Monthly “Snacks with Singletary” on March 5<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Outlined Divisional Priority Functions and Critical Work Plan</li> <li>• Held Divisional All Hands Meeting on March 27<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Division and Branches set up to operate daily functions in Microsoft Teams including huddles</li> <li>• All-Hands Meeting Held on May 7<sup>th</sup></li> <li>• Updated Divisional Communication Strategy for post-COVID-19 implementation</li> <li>• Virtual “Snacks with Singletary” pilot began July 30th</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing Review of Divisional Priority Functions and Critical Work</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LCRD “Happy Hour” Celebration pilot begins August 6th</li> </ul>		
<b>LCRD Resource Utilization</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On Track <input type="checkbox"/> At Risk <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Pending Hires</li> <li>No Pending Retirements</li> <li>Nicole Moran began her detail to the immediate office to serve as Senior Management Program Analyst</li> <li>New Hire – Rebecca Dorward (NOW SEE) for work on Tribal Waste Management Program</li> <li>Briefed RA and DRA on the LCRD Reorg Proposal</li> <li>Provided Reorg HR materials to MSD</li> <li>All of the summer interns began working</li> <li>Whitney Bynum and Liz Blackburn have permanently relocated to SEMD</li> <li>Nicole Moran has accepted the Water Section Chief position in ECAD and will start August 16th</li> <li>Alyssa Beuttner’s (BSPR summer intern) last day was 7/31/20</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LCRD has 2 staff members on detail to SEMD and 1 staff member on detail to WD</li> <li>LCRD Spending Plan for Grants and Contracts on track for FY20</li> <li>Matthew Kirk and Kalli Johnson (ROAG interns) last day was 8/14/20</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>
<b>ELMs Deployment</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On Track <input type="checkbox"/> At Risk <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An implementation strategy has been prepared</li> <li>Re-established the UST SPA Flow Board as a dual Performance Board</li> <li>Re-established huddling at the RCRA Performance Board and Flow Boards</li> <li>Established LCRD Performance Board</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UST Re-Spa Flow Board is currently being converted to a virtual format</li> <li>Land Revitalization Status board currently being designed/converted to a virtual format</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Established 5 new flow boards in BSPR and began huddling</li> <li>Held first successful LCRD virtual huddle and management meeting</li> <li>QAPP A3 Flow Board is developed and operational</li> <li>Added new flow boards and standardized pre-existing flow boards</li> <li>Converted LCRD Performance and Divisional Flow Boards that were active prior to the COOP to electronic versions</li> <li>Developed Virtual Performance Boards for all LCRD Branches</li> <li>Held Gemba Walk for Divisional Virtual Boards</li> <li>81% of LCRD is currently ELMS deployed</li> <li>Created the FIFRA Grants Flow Board in Planner</li> <li>Last ROAG Flow Board has been converted to a virtual board</li> </ul>		
<b>Recycling and Food Recovery</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> On Track <input type="checkbox"/> At Risk <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Delayed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documenting project proposals</li> <li>evaluating budget and staff resource requirements</li> <li>Provided RA Briefing recommending projects</li> <li>2019 Food Challenge Award winners have been announced</li> <li>Submitted R7 Planning Strategy for SMM to HQ for FY21</li> <li>Transitioned the Local Food, Local Places program to Penny Harrell.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grant amendment approved for Food Recovery Summits planned for St. Louis and Quad Cities; however, summits delayed until 2021.</li> <li>Planning a series of local, virtual and small sessions for fall Market Development event.</li> <li>Coordinating with KDHE and EFC on the Hub and Spoke Recycling Project</li> <li>Planning for KC Chiefs and Green Sports Alliance Symposium currently in development. The event is likely to be held in fall or winter.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EPA Headquarters has received 114 applications for the anaerobic digestion (AD) grant. Total estimated funding will be up to \$3M with an anticipated awarding of 10 to 40 cooperative agreements and individual grants. 5 Region 7 applicants applied and passed the threshold review:</li> </ul> <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p><b>5 DP and nonresponsive</b></p> </div> <p>Grant selection recommendations will be made to OLEM in early September</p>	
<b>Land Revitalization - Opportunity Zone Community Outreach</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On Track <input type="checkbox"/> At Risk <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Met with the 15 targeted communities</li> <li>Working with OCR on St. Louis TA</li> <li>York, NE is receiving Local Foods Local Place technical assistance funding from OCR</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RA and DRA Briefing on Opportunity Zones</li> <li>OCR is going to fund technical assistance for the Tenneco Site located in Cozad, NE</li> <li>Continued assistance for the rural community of Paxico, KS</li> <li>Working with GIS to identify additional rural communities with opportunity zones for outreach purposes</li> <li>EPA, States and KS State TAB came together at the Brownfields 4-State Mtg to create a plan to implement innovative ways to reach out to specific communities that have communicated that they lack resources and technology.</li> <li>The grand opening of the Xstream Arena and GreenState Family</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>

			Fieldhouse is the culmination of 20 years of cooperative redevelopment planning, testing and remediation involving the EPA Region 7, IDNR, consultants, and the City of Coralville. On September 17, 2020 there will be a ribbon cutting and open house.	
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<b>Regional Pb Initiatives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Springfield</li> <li>St. Joseph</li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> On Track <input type="checkbox"/> At Risk <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Delayed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Established teams for Springfield Geographic Initiative</li> <li>Finalizing Geographic Initiative Strategy</li> <li>Continue outreach activities in St Joseph as required</li> <li>Continue monthly coordination calls with the Green County Health Department</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluating information gained and deciding path forward as a result of the March 4 meetings</li> <li>Continuing to plan and coordinate activities in R7 with EJ and OPA</li> <li>Coordination ongoing with HUD and NAACP for upcoming outreach event</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting Lead Priority Goals</li> <li>Regional Springfield Lead Initiative goal of 6 outreach events for FY19 may be affected</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assisted Katie Howard with FY20 Regional Lead Strategy Document</li> <li>Wilo attended several meetings with Community Organizations and Green County Health Dept on March 4</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working with EFC for Task Order for various workshops for the Springfield Lead Strategy</li> <li>Identifying new partners for the Springfield Lead Initiative - The One Stop for Early Childhood, Springfield NAACP, and Parents as Teachers</li> <li>RRP Training Courses are scheduled for Aug. 25, 26, and 27. They will be conducted using a live webinar format. An in-person course is scheduled for Aug. 28, if social distancing restrictions are lifted by that date.</li> </ul>	due to COVID-19
Pesticides Recert for C&T -	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On Track <input type="checkbox"/> At Risk <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Providing Technical Assistance &amp; Outreach to states</li> <li>Participated in MDA meeting – Dec 5</li> <li>All R7 States submitted draft plans by the March 4, 2020 deadline</li> <li>The Completeness Review for all R7 States draft plans have been completed</li> </ul> <p>States are addressing their pesticides training and certification issues caused by COVID-19:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>KS-expanded approval to operate if hold valid cert from another state</li> <li>MO-granted an extension for those needing to recertify for a limited period of time</li> <li>IA-extended the certification period for applicators with expiring certification until December 2020</li> </ul>	<p>Program working with HQ on initiating a more thorough substantive review of draft C&amp;T plans.</p> <div style="border: 1px dashed black; padding: 10px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p><b>Ex. 5 DP and nonresponsive</b></p> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NE-extended the certification period for applicators requiring renewal for 1 year</li> </ul>	<p>changes to state laws and regulations but has indicated they will likely be revising some sections as they continue to engage with stakeholders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As all four states may need additional work to assure timely progress, the program is suggesting a letter to the Secretary of each agency that acknowledges the work that has been done to date and encourages continued progress/collaboration to meet the remaining milestones.</li> </ul>	
<b>Grant Funding Management</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>STAG</li> <li>Competitive Grants</li> <li>Trust Fund (LUST/UST)</li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On Track <input type="checkbox"/> At Risk <input type="checkbox"/> Delayed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brownfields ARC Grant Application Reviews Completed</li> <li>Final Brownfield Grant selections were shared with regional staff and OPA on April 29<sup>th</sup> and the press conference was held on May 6<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>Met with MDNR, KDHE and NDEE to discuss RCRA STAG recalculations.</li> <li>The State P2 Grant RFA closed in April, four applications (one from each state) have been reviewed and a panel was held on May 28<sup>th</sup>. R7 plans to submit all four applications to HQ for full funding. There is \$446K available in R7, a request will be submitted to HQ for additional STAG funds to cover the remaining balance of \$25k (\$471K total).</li> <li>The announcement for the RLF supplemental funding was announced on June 10<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The FY20-21 Source Reduction Assistance (SRA) RFA closed on May 20<sup>th</sup>. Region 7 received five applications, two of which were ineligible. Following review, two of the three eligible applications were selected to receive full FY20 funding (FY21 funding contingent upon Federal Fiscal Appropriations). Announcements to recipients have been made and awards are in process of being issued. Plan to issue press releases via OPA for both of these awards after they go final. HQ is also planning on making announcements during P2 Week in September, coinciding with the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the P2 Act.</li> <li>The FY21 EWDJT RFA was [ <a href="https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/fy-2021-environmental-workforce-development-and-job-training-ewdjt-grants-0">HYPERLINK "https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/fy-2021-environmental-workforce-development-and-job-training-ewdjt-grants-0"</a> ] to grants.gov. The funding opportunity will be open for 60 days and close on September 22, 2020. An outreach webinar will be held for potential applicants to review the RFA</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>

			<p>and application process in grants.gov on August 6, 2020. In the most recent competition, four region 7 applications were among the 25 selected for award nationally.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The FY21 Brownfields Multipurpose, Assessment, and Cleanup Grant Guidelines are now available on the EPA Brownfields Grant Application Resources webpage along with other General Program Resources. The application submission deadline is October 28, 2020. EPA anticipates hosting the National Applicant Outreach Webinar on September 14 and will send additional information once the date is finalized. EPA Region 7 will host Applicant Outreach Webinars during late September and Early October.</li><li>• P2 Recognition Awards press releases issued last week.</li></ul>	
UPCOMING ITEMS (projects, grants, events, staffing)	ELMS FINDINGS	OTHER ITEMS for RA/DRA awareness	REGIONAL RISKS	
<p>September 1-3 - Virtual ASTSWMO 2020 RCRA Corrective Action Conference</p> <p>September 22-24 - National Tanks Conference, Pittsburg, PA</p>	<p>All regional LCRD performance measures will be green for the August MBR.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pesticides staff continue to receive tips and complaints from States and the public about potentially fraudulent disinfectant claims and products in response to COVID-19. Coordination meetings are being held weekly with ECAD, CID and ORC. TTPB State Coordinators are leading the efforts in tracking and coordinating with State counterparts, aiding ECAD on potential cases.</li><li>• OPPT issued a policy statement addressing the RRP Training Provider Certification COVID-19 delays,</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Number of Brownfields Properties Assessed performance measure likely to not be met due to lack of assessments being performed as a result of COVID-19</li><li>• With field activities being</li></ul>	



		<p>providing available options for expired certifications.</p> <div><p><b>5 DP and nonresponsive</b></p></div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2020 EPA Region 7 Pollution Prevention (P2) Awards recipients were recently announced, e-certificates were provided to all recipients and in-person awards will be presented by the Regional Administrator during the Midwest Environmental Compliance Conference, which was rescheduled for December 1-2, 2020 at the Kansas City Convention Center.</li><li>• Due to Dicamba Court Decision, all Region 7 States have sent letters to EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler urging him to (a) issue a use of existing</li></ul>	<p>delayed with no confirmed start dates at this time, ROAG may not meet the Divisional Performance Measure for Number of 2020 Corrective Action Universe Sites Achieving a Remedy Construction.</p>
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		<p>standards it set last June for cleanup of lead-dust during renovation and repair in residential settings -- even as environmentalists are challenging EPA for failing to lower the two standards in concert.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Working with Haskell University as a potential recipient for the Pesticide Circuit Writer program. Idea was presented at last week's RTOC meeting and received agreement.</li><li>• KDA informed R7 that they had</li></ul> <div data-bbox="1180 567 1661 1441"><p><b>5 DP and nonresponsive</b></p></div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Facility in Nebraska (AltEn) has been processing treated seed corn into ethanol, resulting in wet cake believed</li></ul>	
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